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Nation's Largest Taxpayer Group Honors Campbell with "Taxpayers' Friend Award"

WASHINGTON – U.S. Representative John Campbell today was recognized for his outstanding pro-taxpayer voting record last year. The 362,000-member National Taxpayers Union (NTU), a nonpartisan citizen group, has announced that Campbell is among the distinguished recipients of the 2011 "Taxpayers' Friend Award."

"As our nation continues to confront challenges to a strong economic recovery, fiscal discipline in Washington, DC has never been more important," NTU President Duane Parde said. **"Fortunately, residents of the 48th congressional district could count on Rep. Campbell, to whom National Taxpayers Union is proud to present a 'Taxpayers' Friend Award'."**

The award is given to Representatives and Senators who achieve an "A" grade in NTU's annual Rating of Congress. The Rating, which is based on every roll call vote affecting fiscal policy, assigns a "Taxpayer Score" to each Member of Congress that indicates his or her support for reducing or controlling federal spending, taxes, debt, and regulation. For 2011, a total of 337 House and 234 Senate votes were selected.

"Rep. Campbell's pro-taxpayer score of 92 percent was one of the best in the entire Congress," Parde continued. **"By casting principled votes for limited government time and again, Rep. Campbell has led by example in the fight to defend overburdened taxpayers across the country."**

Between 2010 and 2011, the average "Taxpayer Score" in the House rose from 42 percent to a

rounded level of 50 percent. This is the first time the House mean has managed to reach the halfway mark since 1996. The Senate's average inched up from 45 percent to 46 percent.

"If every Member of Congress voted as carefully as John Campbell, current and future generations of Americans could enjoy much lower taxes and a less wasteful government," Parde concluded. **"Hard-working families in California and across the nation owe Rep. Campbell a debt of gratitude for his effort on their behalf. He has truly earned the title 'Taxpayers' Friend'."**

NTU is a nonpartisan, nonprofit citizen group founded in 1969 to work for lower taxes, smaller government, and economic freedom at all levels. Note: The 2011 Rating and a searchable Rating database from 1992 to 2011 is available at www.ntu.org.

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